

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 26, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MANDERSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 949.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 949) entitled "An act to amend section 4787 of the Revised Statutes of the United States," have reconsidered the same, and previous adverse action thereon in connection with sufficient evidence to warrant a favorable report on said bill, which is herewith submitted. The act proposed to be amended allows officers, soldiers, seamen, and marines so disabled during the late war in service as to require, since June 17, 1870, an artificial limb or apparatus for resection, a new limb or apparatus every *five* years. The bill proposes to allow such limb or apparatus every *three* years.

The committee are of the opinion that upon the showing made since the adverse report the bill ought to pass. It may be that the average life of an artificial limb is five years, but it seems to be likewise true that the average annual cost of repairs thereto, including the original cost thereof, amounts to \$25.

